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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL

REF: STATE 185294

1. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER 14-16 VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL. TIMING OF VISIT WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AS RESULT OF POSITIVE MOMENTUM GENERATED AT CSCE SUMMIT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AUGUST 1 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA IN HELSINKI. OFFICIALS HERE ARE TAKING EVERY OCCASION TO CONVEY GOH'S DESIRE TO SPEED UP SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES.

2. IN MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY, GOH OFFICIALS CAN BE EXPECTED TO REITERATE THEIR GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE FOR RETURN OF ST. STEPHAN'S CROWN. REQUEST WAS FIRST OFFICIALLY MADE BY PRIME MINISTER LAZAR DURING HIS JULY 16 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE (BUDAPEST 2376). WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA ALSO BROACHED SUBJECT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HELSINKI.

3. QUESTION OF MFN FOR HUNGARY ALSO LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY HUNGARIAN LEADERS. GOH OFFICIALS WILL BE INTERESTED IN DEPUTY SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON LIKELIHOOD AND TIMING OF NEW LEGISLATION ON MFN. THEY WILL WANT TO TALK ABOUT PROPOSED CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT WITH U.S. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS READINESS
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ENTER INTO CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS AREA WITH U.S.

REPRESENTATIVES.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPRESS GOH WILLINGNESS TO ABOLISH RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNAL TRAVEL AND BORDER ENTRY POINTS FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS AS SOON AS USG READY TO RECIPROCATE. GOH PREFERS TO ABOLISH BOTH RESTRICTIONS AT SAME TIME, BUT DEPT IS STILL STUDYING QUESTION OF ENTRY POINTS.

5. RE OFFICIALS ON WHOM DEPUTY SECRETARY SHOULD CALL WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ACZEL, FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER BIRO AND/OR AGRICULTURE MINISTER ROMANY. WE SUGGEST ACZEL AMONG FIVE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS BECAUSE HE IS HIGHEST GOH OFFICIAL DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY MEET WITH ANDRAS GYENES, ELECTED TO HSWP CC AT 11TH PARTY CONGRESS LAST MARCH AND MAN RESPONSIBLE IN HIGH PARTY CIRCLES FOR FOREIGN POLICY.

6. WE CAN ARRANGE PROGRAM TO LEAVE TIME FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING BOTH IN BUDAPEST AND SURROUNDING AREA.
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